

# James M. Baxter Terrace

( A Souvenir Book of love )

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## 58 YEAR CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 20, 1998

TERRACE BALLROOM

1030 Broad Street, Newark, NJ

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*James M. Baxter, invited to Newark in 1864 to head the Negro School, fought constantly against school segregation. A black girl was admitted to Newark High School in the 1870s, and when Baxter died in 1909, all schools had been desegregated.*

A native of Philadelphia, James M. Baxter came to Newark in response to the Board of Education's request for a male teacher for its Colored Children's School. He taught in this school for over 45 years, teaching both day and evening classes, and for many years served as Principal. As Newark's first Black principal, Baxter campaigned tirelessly to have Black students admitted to the High School and the regular public schools of the City. His efforts were at last successful. Many of his students, including his own five children, went on to higher education and professional careers.

*Charles F. Cummings*

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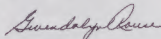
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## *Greetings*

Welcome to the 58th year Baxter Terrace Celebration and Awards Dance. Over the past three years, in addition to sponsoring youth recreational and cultural activities, more than thirty book awards have been granted to students in order to assist them with their educational expenses. We are proud to acknowledge that the funds for these opportunities were raised primarily from your purchase of tickets, tables and journal advertisements for this joyful occasion.

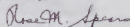
Once again, tonight's event highlight our "giving back" initiative and also gives us an opportunity to join together in celebrating our past, present and future.

Thank you ever so much for your encouragement and support--YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Gwendolyn Rouse, Chairperson

Sincerely,



Rose M. Spears, President

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
**Quality Lifestyles, Inc.**

On its  
Fourth Annual  
BAXTER TERRACE CELEBRATION &  
AWARD DANCE

"With the increase cost of education, it is extremely important for students to have access to various sources of funding. I commend your organization for recognizing this critical need and creating a solution. Keep up the good work!"



SHARPE JAMES  
MAYOR  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY



*In Loving Memory*

*of Our Mother*

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**Delma Gibson Allen**

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